

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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ILLICIT TRAFFICKING OF DRUGS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a): whether a team of officials of World Customs Organisations and Interpol, monitoring illicit trafficking of drugs and contraband including opiate at the international level, had lately expressed serious concern over the existing laws for preventing the menace and their enforcement in India, alleging nexus between law enforcers and the traffickers;

(b): whether the seizures made during the last three years show a sharp decline;

(c): if so, whether the Government have since reviewed the effectiveness and efficacy of the relevant laws, and their enforcement, and the outcome of such a study; and

(d): if so, the steps taken by the Government to improve the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a): No such concern, expressed by any team of officials of the World Customs Organisation or Interpol, has come to the notice of the Government.

(b) : No, Sir.

(c) & (d): In view of the replies to parts (a) and (b) above, the question does not arise.